

LOOKING AHEAD: September 17 – September 23

Tues. 18	9:30 am	Hymn Selection Mtg. – Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	Men's Fellowship Dinner – Fellowship Hall
Wed. 19	9:00 am	Sunday Bulletin Announcement Deadline – Including Flower Announcements
	9:00 am	Scrapbooking – Choir Room
	10:30 am	Service at St. Joseph's Nursing Home
	Noon	Women of Faith Mtg. (Bag Lunch) – Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice – Sanctuary
Thurs. 20	2:00 pm	Silvercreek Market – Fellowship Hall
	2:00 pm	Service at LaPointe Fisher Nursing Home
	7:00 pm	Finance Committee Mtg. – The Parlour
Sat. 22	9:00 am	Church Council Retreat
Sun. 23	10:00 am	Pentecost 18 – Sanctuary – Holy Communion – Soup Luncheon Connections Due

*There will be no 8:30 service on Sunday, September 23.

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Church Office Hours
Wednesday - Friday
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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WELCOME

We welcome you to our worship today.

Hymnbooks:

Our community uses two hymnbooks.

(ELW) Evangelical Lutheran Worship has a cranberry cover.

(CP) Common Praise has a blue cover.

You will find either **(ELW)** or **(CP)** beside each hymn number to indicate which book we are singing from.

Communion: All are welcome.

We make available grape juice and gluten free bread. Please inform one of the Communion Servers that you wish to have one or both of these elements during the distribution of Communion.

No Scents Makes Good Sense. Members have indicated that they suffer discomfort from perfumes, hair spray, colognes and after-shave lotion. Please help us provide a scent-free environment.

We welcome all children to our worship. We also have a child friendly space in the fellowship area at the back of the church. Drink boxes, activity bags and youth bulletins are in a basket near the entrance to the church. Please help yourself.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, September 16, 2018



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

We gather in the image of the Creator
who is a community of love.

We gather in the name of the Redeemer
who reconciles all of creation.

We gather in the presence of the Life Giver
who inspires new life and renews it.

Prayers in the Four Directions

Prayers facing the East (*all turn toward the East*)

Holy One, God of many names,

we honour you through the Grandfathers and Grandmothers of the East. We pray for all who live to the East of us. We thank you for new beginnings, new opportunities and for the new life you offer. We thank you for each new day to be with you. Thank you for children. Help us to respect and protect your children and to bring them up to love you. Thank you for Jesus who lived on Mother Earth as a child.

Awaken in us new dreams and hopes never before imagined. Thank you for the miracles that are born with each new dawn. Creator of hope, hear our prayers.

Prayers facing the South (*all turn toward the South*)

Holy One, creator of all, we honour you through the Grandfathers and Grandmothers to the South; the spirits of all who have gone before us, and those who are yet to come. We pray for all who live to the South of us. You give us deep feelings to share with each other. Thank you for women and for all who nurture youth. We pray for families and thank you for Jesus and for his mother Mary. He nurtured others and had a passion for justice and a respect for the gifts of women.

Warm our lives as roots deep in the soil of the earth, and stretch out our hearts as branches to be places of

nurture and protection. Sower of life, hear our prayers.

Prayers facing the West (*all turn toward the West*)

Holy One, light in our darkness, we honour you through the Grandfathers and Grandmothers of the West. We pray for all who live to the West of us. We pray for all of our ancestors. As the sun sets in the West, the darkness comes upon us. We thank you for all we have learned each day. We thank you for elders as they share the wisdom that comes through you. We thank you for Jesus who earned your wisdom within himself and who will meet us as earthly life darkens and lead us into the light of the Creator's presence forever.

Guide our steps through all ending-times. Fill us with your peace as you enfold us, with the great mystery of your grace and love. Creator of kindness, hear our prayers.

Prayers facing the North

(*all turn toward the North*)

Holy and Great Spirit, we honour you through the Grandfathers and Grandmothers of the North. We pray for all who live to the North of us. Thank you for snow which covers Mother Earth while she sleeps. We are reminded of the purity of the snow, the purity you expect in the lives of your people, the purity which comes when you forgive our mistakes. Thank you for spiritual elders and assisting them in their journey among us. Help those of us who are spiritual leaders to be

conscious of the responsibility given to us by you and by our people. Help all your people to turn to you for forgiveness and purity of life. Thank you for Jesus, whose life and spiritual wisdom leads us on our sacred path to wholeness.

**Teach us to use with care your gifts;
to love with tenderness all our
relations as gifts from your heart.
Creator of wisdom, hear our prayers.**

(All face the center)

Great Spirit, in Jesus we find healing and connectedness. In his death and resurrection we are given hope and life. We thank you for leading us in this relationship together and we ask that you continue to be with us and guide us as we walk together on this journey of life.

**Creator, source of all healing, you
hear the deepest prayers of our
hearts, touch our lives with the
healing only you can give. Amen.**

Gathering Song – # 861 ELW

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

For the Beauty of the Earth

♩ = 80

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and
mind's de-light, for the mys-tic har-mo-ny
lin-king sense to sound and sight; Lord of all to
you we raise this our hymn of praise,
this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The tempo is marked as ♩ = 80. The lyrics are placed below the notes on each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Prayer of the Day

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

Children's Message / Blessing of the Backpacks

WORD

***God speaks to us in scripture reading,
preaching, and song.***

Shine your light on us, God, as we gather around your word. By your Spirit, make our lives fertile ground in which your word takes root and grows, through Christ we pray.

Amen.

First Reading – *James 3: 1 – 12*

A reading from James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity;

it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116: 1 – 9



Psalm 116:9
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**¹I love the Lord, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,
²for the Lord has given | ear to me**

whenev- | er I called.

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish
of the grave | came upon me;

I came to | grief and sorrow.

⁴Then I called upon the name | of the Lord:

“O Lord, I pray you, | save my life.” R

⁵Gracious is the | Lord and righteous;

our God is full | of compassion.

⁶The Lord watches o- | ver the innocent;

I was brought low, | and God saved me.

⁷Turn again to your rest, | O my soul.

for the Lord has dealt | well with you.

⁸For you have rescued my | life from death,

my eyes from tears, and my | feet from
stumbling;

⁹I will walk in the presence | of the Lord

in the land | of the living. R

Psalm Prayer

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

**Christ suffered for sins once for all, the
righteous for | the unrighteous,*
in order to bring | you to God.**

Gospel Reading – *Mark 8: 27 – 38*

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Or

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are

ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Or

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – # **808 ELW**

Prayers of Intercession

For the good of all creation,
hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

All creation invites us to join our voices in praise to God. Trusting in God’s mercy and grace, let us confess our sin to God and one another.

Generous God, you created us and placed us here to care for all of creation. Forgive us for turning away from you and for neglecting the earth. Raise us up and make us again stewards of your creation that we may see your presence in all that surrounds us; through Christ we pray. Amen.

Hear and receive the good news to all who long to see and encounter Christ. Today, salvation comes

to this house. Know that we are forgiven and live in peace with one another and with the earth.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering / Choir Anthem

- Shine Like the Sun

Offering Hymn



1..The Earth does not be - long to us, But we be - long to Earth,
2..The Web of Life con - nects us all, Each strand its vi - tal role,



This ra - dant Sphere of green and blue, Our home and place of birth.
For what af - fects a sin - gle one, Af - fects the Liv - ing Whole.

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Offering Prayer

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and
praise.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord's Prayer (Maori Version)

**Eternal Spirit, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer,
Love-Maker,
Source of all that is and shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through
the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the
peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created
beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth!
With the bread that we need for today,
feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.**

**In times of temptation and test, strengthen
us.**

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

**For you reign in the glory of the power that
is Love, now and forever. Amen.**

Lamb of God

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. It consists of four staves of music in a single system, all in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a quarter rest followed by the lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on'. The second staff continues with 'us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the'. The third staff continues with 'world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you'. The fourth staff concludes with 'take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.'

Communion Hymns

512 ELW, # 435 CP,

Touch the Earth Lightly

Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,

trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

We who endanger, who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster clouds of disaster,
God of our planet forestall and forgive.

Let there be greening, birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden, hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.
God of all living, God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,
using us gently and making us one.

402 CP

Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
you have given us not only this bread and cup,
but your very self, that we may feast on your great
love. Filled again by these signs of your grace,
may we hunger for you reign of justice, may we
thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord
forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

***God blesses us and sends us in mission to the
world.***

Blessing

**The blessing of the God of life be ours.
The blessing of the loving Christ be ours.
The blessing of the Holy Spirit be ours to
cherish us, to help us, to make us holy.**

Benediction

The Blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and
Spirit of new life, be with us and all creation, now
and forever.

Amen.

Announcements

Sending Song - # 428 CP

Dismissal

Go in peace, give thanks and care for the earth.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Announcements and Information

September Altar Guild: Jan Nielsen, Penny Richards & Carol Mozuraitis

Greeters: Andrew Usjak & Jacquie Norris

The flowers in the Chancel area are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Clement and Michael Padavatton given by their Loving Brothers and Sisters.

Coffee hour today is hosted by Pearl Robinson and helpers. We offer them thanks for supporting this important ministry.

All articles for the ***October Connections*** are due Sunday, September 23, please submit articles to Christine Morrison (Box # 44) cjmorrison263@gmail.com.

It's Apple Turnover Time again. Kurt and Sandra will be taking orders after the service. Turnovers will be available on Sunday October 7th, in time for Thanksgiving. As before they are \$10.00 for a bag of 5, plain, with raisins or diabetic. This year's funds will go

towards the building of a children's feeding centre in Nicaragua.

We are planning to celebrate our first Birthday as All Saints on Sunday, September 23. There will be only one worship service at 10:00 a.m. followed by a soup luncheon. Please sign up in the Narthex if you will be attending. If you are able to help out in any way please see Jan Nielsen or Sue Wakefield.